

Sts. Peter & Paul School

2023-2024

Student & Parent Handbook



Christ is the Reason for this School!



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~ WELCOME ~

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sts. Peter and Paul School! We are happy you have chosen to register your child with us. Sts. Peter and Paul School was established during the 1953-1954 school year. We look back on a proud history of providing excellent Catholic Education to the children of the area.

Sts. Peter and Paul School's philosophy states that education is a cooperative process involving the child-parent-teacher. We encourage you to be a part of your child's education. All faculty members appreciate your interest.

We are proud of our parish Catholic School and feel we have a lot to offer. Our commitment at Sts. Peter and Paul School is to pass on the beliefs, history, and spirit of the Catholic Church intertwined with the skills needed for a productive life.

We believe the guidelines and policies stated in the Sts. Peter and Paul School Handbook will support the excellent academic atmosphere provided by our dedicated, trained staff.

~ AGREEMENT OF PARENTS ~

Parents will agree to the policies outlined in this handbook on the registration form signed at the beginning of each school year.

The school or principal retains the right to amend the handbook for just cause. Parents will be given prompt notification if changes are made.

~ PARENT ASSOCIATION ~

Sts. Peter and Paul Home and School Association is a very active parent/teacher organization that meets on the first Thursday: September, November, January, March and May. All parents are members of this organization. There are no dues and we encourage all families to participate.

~ COMMUNICATION ~

A family envelope, containing the weekly newsletter plus any additional notices, is sent home with the oldest child in each family on the last day of the school week. We ask for the return of the empty envelopes by the end of the next week.

Information can also be found on our website at www.myspps.org, and our "Sts. Peter & Paul School" Facebook page.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with school staff as necessary. In person, by telephone or email are the best ways to communicate with staff. Staff are expected to respond to emails within 24 hours except on weekends and holidays.

Parents are expected to keep their physical address, email addresses, and telephone numbers updated with the school office.

~ HISTORY OF STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL ~

On August 20, 1953, Father Thomas Lafey visited the sisters who were to be the first teachers in the newly established Sts. Peter and Paul School. Following an August 23rd registration after Masses, the number of students enrolled for the first year was 65.

After some real pioneering experiences for teachers, students and parents, school was finally opened in the new building on January 2, 1954. The good sisters were as excited as were the privileged children of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.

In this 5-room school house, enrollment has reached as high as 185 in the 1964-65 school year, and as low as 57 in 1980-81.

The support by Sts. Peter and Paul Parish has been the mainstay of Sts. Peter and Paul School over these many years.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

The mission of Sts. Peter and Paul School is to promote a quality; Christ centered Catholic education in a safe, positive, loving environment. In faith, we foster dedication to wisdom, truth, and social responsibility. We promote academic excellence; challenging students to become the best versions of themselves.

~ STS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY ~

Saints Peter and Paul School is a Catholic School, and follows the teachings of the Catholic Church **as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

We believe that the purpose of Sts. Peter and Paul School is to continue the message and mission of Jesus. As Catholic, we are being called to teach, to serve, and to build a faith community which gives an authentic witness of the love that God has for each of us.

We believe that Sts. Peter and Paul School provides an atmosphere of Catholic, Christian values that encourages the integration of the spiritual, academic, physical, moral and social formation of each person.

We believe that the parents and staff are co-educators. Each student's growth and learning is enhanced through his/her involvement with these co-educators to be part of our lives.

We believe each student shares in the responsibility for the education process by an attitude of open-mindedness.

We believe that Sts. Peter and Paul School is a viable, life-giving force to the parish community.

~ SAINTS PETER & PAUL SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS ~

S SPIRITUALLY GROWING

Saints Peter & Paul students gain a comprehensive knowledge of the Catholic Faith and Her Traditions and practices.

Saints Peter & Paul students actively participate in liturgy, sacraments, devotions and daily prayer.

P POSITIVE ROLE MODELS

Saints Peter & Paul students are expected to be good Catholic role models who appreciate, respect, and have compassion for others.

Saints Peter & Paul students participate in school and community stewardship projects.

P PHYSICALLY WELL

Saints Peter & Paul students are expected to make healthy choices for their physical, social, mental, and emotional well-being.

S SCHOLASTICALLY STRONG

Saints Peter & Paul students are expected to accept responsibility for their own learning.

Saints Peter & Paul students meet or exceed academic expectations.

~SPPS Financial Support~

Tuition:

Preschool	\$1,173.00 per child per year
Kindergarten	\$1,757.00 per child per year
Grades 1-8	\$2,930.00 per year for first child
	\$2,081.00 per year for second child
	\$1,635.00 per year each for all other children in the family

Book/Activity Fees:

Preschool	\$ 37.00 per child per year
Kindergarten	\$ 216.00 per child per year
Grades 1-8	\$ 362.00 per child per year

Registration Fee: \$ 100.00 per family per year (waived if they register by July 1st)

Service Hours: 1st-8th grades 40 hours per family per year, Preschool/kindergarten 20 hours (school campus or fundraisers **or** \$20.00 per hour)

The school offers a hot lunch, it is provided for **\$4.00** per meal, includes milk.

Payment Policy: Payment due date is set by the signed tuition agreement, any payment not paid by the 20th of the month due, will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. Adapted by the School board June 2011

Parish Support: Sts. Peter & Paul Parish grants \$36,000 to the school for each school year.

Student Tuition/Family Support: We count on \$173,000 being paid for the school year. The estimated average cost to educate your child is **\$6,901** per student per school year.

Home & School: approximately \$100,000 per school year from fund-raisers to help meet school salaries and expenses.

Fund Raising: Activities such as the Chocolate Fantasy Auction (all families are strongly encouraged to help with this fund-raiser), Magazine Drive, Cards for a Cause, Cartridge Recycle, etc.

Gifts & Grants: Previous grants aided our library collection of books and our reading program for the children. Many small gifts are given each year by alumni and others hoping to keep the school in operation. The goal of this financial program is to allow all families who desire a Catholic education for their children to attend Sts. Peter & Paul School. If you find that you are unable to pay the family support, talk with our principal.

~ ADMISSION POLICY ~

Sts. Peter and Paul School is committed to providing a Catholic education to every registered, contributing, practicing, parish family. If we are forced to limit enrollment, preference is given to parish families who have other children already attending the school. Second preference is given to other parish families. Third preference is given to non-parish families with other children already attending our school. Lastly, all other families are given consideration for admission.

1. Preschool – Students must be 3 by Sept. 1st, fully potty trained including self-wiping and no pull-ups. Must be able to feed him/her self, using utensils.
2. Kindergarten – Students must have reached their 5th birthday by September 1st to enroll for that year.
3. First Grade - Students must have reached their 6th birthday by September 1st to enroll for that year.
4. Transfer Students - Parents (or guardians) and student will advise Administration as to the reason for the transfer. This may be written or by interview.

The students may be accepted on a conditional basis for a period of not less than one month to determine if Sts. Peter and Paul meets the needs of the student and the student shows a willingness to be a part of the school community. At least one conference will be held to assess the adjustment of the student before permanent acceptance.

~ STUDENT RECORDS ~

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1975, gives parents and students the right of access to records and the right to request the statements be changed or deleted.

If a parent or student wishes to review a record the school requires a 24-hour notice. The following items are in the student's official folder:

Academic transcript, academic testing health records, registration forms, and emergency information.

Disciplinary records are not kept in the permanent file and do not follow a student through his/her academic career.

~ NON-DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT ~

Sts. Peter and Paul School will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age, and handicapping condition (if with reasonable accommodation on the part of the school, the handicapped person could be accommodated).

~DELINQUENT TUITION POLICY STATEMENT~

For Saints Peter & Paul School to comply with its mission, our families must maintain their financial commitment in support of our educational program.

Tuition collection procedures:

1. A \$20 late fee will be assessed on any account which is not current as of the 20th of the month.
2. Accounts that are 30 days delinquent will be contacted by the principal requesting immediate payment.
3. Once an account is 60 days delinquent, families will be sent a certified letter which gives them 30 days to make payments or submit a plan for payment. An alternative plan for payment must be submitted, supported by a written statement outlining any extenuating financial circumstances resulting in the delinquency. This plan and written statement must be submitted to the principal within 10 business days of notification of delinquency.
4. Accounts that are 90 days delinquent may be submitted to small claims court, and/or turned over to a collection agency if a suitable alternative plan for payment has not been submitted.
5. If payments are not made according to the alternative plan for payment, the parent may be required to make alternate academic arrangements for the beginning of the next grading period.

Individuals to contact regarding collection proceedings on your account are either the school principal or school secretary.

(Adopted by the School Board, April 2021)

~ REGISTRATION & TRANSFER OF RECORDS POLICY FOR DELINQUENT TUITION ~

If a family account is delinquent at the end of the school year, their student(s) will not be readmitted to Sts. Peter & Paul School the following year until their account is clear OR the necessary financial arrangements have been made to clear the account.

If a family account is delinquent at the end of the school year and the student(s) is transferring (or graduating) to another school, the student(s) records may not be sent until the tuition is paid in full.

If a family is moving during the school year and the student(s) is transferring to another school, the student(s) records may not be sent until the tuition is paid in full.

(Adopted by the School board, March 2012)

~ APPROPRIATE STUDENT CONDUCT ~

A. SPPS SCHOOL RULES (In & out of the classroom)

- 1. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**
 - a. Show respect in voice and actions
 - b. Ask before you borrow
- 2. PROMOTE A RESPECTFUL/LEARNING ATMOSPHERE**
 - a. Use a 1-foot voice
 - b. Give the speaker “5”
 - c. Use your work time wisely
 - d. Raise your hand to speak (& wait to be called upon)
- 3. BE ORGANIZED & PREPARED**
 - a. Have necessary books & materials
 - b. Have homework completed
 - c. Keep desk/floor area neat and clean

B. Rules for Specific Areas

- 1. Hall**
 - a. Quiet during school hours
 - b. Walking only
- 2. Gym**
 - a. No rough or dangerous play
 - b. Follow teacher’s or supervisor’s directions
 - c. Stage and kitchen are off limits unless directed by a teacher
- 3. Restrooms**
 - a. No loitering
 - b. No defacing of property or littering
 - c. No wasting of materials
- 4. Playground**
 - a. The adult on duty is in charge of students in the cafeteria and on the playground and is to be obeyed.
 - b. Students are not to ride bikes or other wheeled objects on school grounds. Bikes should be taken to racks and left there until time to go home. Students do not ride another student’s wheeled object.
 - c. Students must play in a safe manner. No fighting or pulling clothes is permitted, and games which involve rough play, wrestling, tackling and other physical contact are not allowed.
 - d. Crosswalk is to be used when going to the playground.
 - e. Students are not to throw dangerous items, such as rocks, ice, etc.

~ APPROPRIATE STUDENT CONDUCT (Continued) ~

- f. Any playground toys or equipment brought from home must be cleared by the teacher and openly shared with all.
 - g. Students play and remain in designated areas unless authorized to leave. Students notify person on duty when leaving the area to get a ball outside the fence.
 - h. Students are not to be in the school building during recess periods without permission.
 - i. Students line up immediately when the bell rings.
 - j. Students do not climb on the roof to get balls. Authorized personnel shall retrieve balls on the roof.
 - k. Use of inappropriate language or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- 5. Fire Drill Procedures**
- a. Fire drills are conducted monthly.
 - b. Evacuation procedures are posted in each classroom. Students will follow posted procedures in a quiet and orderly manner.
- 6. The use of Cell phones, IPOD's or other individual electronic devices/games are not allowed in school without staff approval. If brought to school such items must be turned into the teacher at the beginning of the day and will be returned at the end of the day. See full policy on page 15 under Use of Technology.**
- 7. Any articles considered weapons are prohibited anywhere on school property.**
- 8. Students who make threats may be required to undergo a threat assessment.**
- 9. Students attending school-sponsored functions are under the same rules and regulations as if they were in school. Students are liable for all damage they may cause to school property or the property of others.**

~ SCHOOL LAW ~

The Idaho Code establishes the teacher's right to control students as follows:

"Powers and duties of teachers - In absence of any statute or rule or regulation of the School Board, any teacher employed by a school district shall have the right to direct how and when each pupil shall attend to his appropriate duties, and the manner in which a pupil shall behave him/herself while in attendance at the school. It is the duty of a teacher to carry out the rules and regulations for the School Board in controlling and maintaining discipline, and a teacher shall have the power to adopt any reasonable rule or regulation to control and maintain discipline in, and otherwise govern, the classroom, not inconsistent with any statute or rule or regulation of the School Board.

(Section 33-1224, Idaho Code)

~ PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE ~

Discipline has as its goal, self-control. Disciplinary demands are most fruitful when approached with consistency and respect for each person within a community of persons. Discipline allows the individual to use whatever abilities he or she possesses to the fullest and provides the satisfaction of taking responsibility for one's own goals, the basis for true freedom of choice. Sts. Peter and Paul stresses appropriate student conduct that will promote good health, effective citizenship and a positive atmosphere for learning. Parental support is integral to any such effort.

~ SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE ~

The Principal and teachers will take any necessary disciplinary procedures to deal with inappropriate student behavior on school premises. Principal and teachers will show respect for students rights and dignity at all times.

The Principal and teachers will follow the guidelines set in each classroom based on the school rules. Inappropriate behavior or persistence of inappropriate behavior dictates:

1. First Conduct Report-- Written notification to parents concerning inappropriate behavior.
2. Second Conduct Report-- Written notification that parents will be requested to have a conference with the principal and teacher.
3. Third Conduct Report-- Written notification that the parent and child will be requested to have a conference with the principal and teacher.
4. Written notification of suspension. (In or out of school)
5. In cases of flagrant misconduct or gross disobedience, the principal reserves the right to take immediate action for the safety and welfare of all.

~PARENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE~

Constructive criticism of the school is welcome when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the education program and to assist the school in performing its task more effectively.

The School Board places its trust in its personnel and desires to support their actions in such a manner that all personnel are freed from unnecessary criticism and complaints.

1. Complaints concerning individual school staff member should first be directed to that staff member. The parent should be prepared to discuss the issue with the teacher in a charitable manner and should come to the meeting with some specific remedy in mind. Both the parent and the teacher should establish goals for improvement, as well as a reasonable timeframe for achieving those goals.
2. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, the principal should be advised and another meeting scheduled with the principal and/or the student also present.
3. Should the situation require further recourse, the parents have the option to voice their concerns to the School Board.
4. If the parents feel the need for further discussion they may contact the priest.

~ ATTENDANCE ~

There is no substitute for regular and punctual attendance. Habitual tardiness can be disruptive to the class. It should be recognized that make-up work will not be as beneficial to the student as class attendance and participation in discussions and activities; therefore, every effort should be made not to miss classes.

If the school was not contacted previously by a parent, please send a note to the office with your child upon their return to school. Parents are encouraged to notify the school the morning of an absence by **8:00 AM** if possible. If the school has not heard from the parents by 9:00AM the school will attempt to contact the parents.

Parents are asked to make all appointments (if possible) outside of school hours. All absences, except illness must be prearranged with the teacher.

Students are allowed 9 absences each semester. Absences with a note from a doctor will not count towards the 9 absences for the semester. Parents will be notified by the school Secretary after the 7th absence.

After 9 absences in either semester, the student will be considered for retention the next school year by the Principal, classroom teacher, and the parents. Please see the Promotion/Retention section of this handbook.

If student absences exceeds the 9 days per semester, without justifiable extraordinary circumstances, the Principal may choose to submit the case to the Idaho County Prosecuting Attorney for appropriate action.

School start bell will **ring at 8:00 AM**. Students must be in their room at the time of the bell or are considered tardy. 5 tardies will warrant 30 minutes detention. If a detention is not met, the 30 minutes is doubled. Students who arrive after 9:30 AM are considered 1/2 day absent for the morning session. Leaving before 1:30pm is considered 1/2 day absent for the afternoon session.

~HOMEWORK POLICY~

Students are assigned work to reinforce the concepts taught in class. Any work not completed during the school day is considered homework. Students are expected to complete this work by class time of the following day, unless they are long-range assignments.

Parents will check and sign the Assignment Notebook each day.

Make-up homework policy (due to absence):

For pre-arranged absences, homework is due the day the child returns to school. For other absences students are given one extra day for each day of absence to hand in work missed due to illness. For example, if a child is absent on Monday make-up work is due on Wednesday. If a child is absent Monday & Tuesday all make-up work is due on Friday. If a child has a long-term illness parents may arrange suitable make-up work deadlines with the child’s teacher.

~3rd-8th Grade Redo Policy~

It is strongly recommended students redo any daily assignment that is 75% or below.

Anything can be redone except for tests, quizzes and projects.

All redo grades are averaged with the original grades.

Redos must be completed and turned in within one week of the assignment being returned to the student.

This policy is subject to teacher discretion under extraordinary circumstances.

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~GRADE SCALE~

The grade scale for grades 3-8 is as follows:

A+	100 – 95	C	86 – 76	F	69 – 0
B	94 - 87	D	75 - 70		

A+	100	C+	86
A	96 – 99	C	77 - 85
A-	95	C-	76
B+	94	D+	75
B	88 – 93	D	71 - 74
B-	87	D-	70
		F	69 – 0

~ Awards~

Quarterly Awards:

Honor Roll: All As and Bs

Straight As: All As

BUG: Bringing Up Grades in 2 or more subjects while not going down in any. Going up in a grade can mean moving from an A to an A+, etc.

Yearly Awards:

Honor Roll Pin: Made Honor Roll each quarter of the school year

Lamp of Learning: Made Straight As each quarter of the school year

Student Council Pin: For elected student council officers

Sports Pins: 7th/8th Grade participants on a SPPS sanctioned team

Big R Felt Letter: Given to any student who receives one of the above yearly awards for the 1st time.

President's Award: 8th Grader(s) based on GPA, Test Scores, and/or Teacher recommendation

~ PROMOTION/RETENTION ~

Students will be promoted to the next grade when they have completed the grade level material-at a D average (or above) in every subject for each semester of the current year. If the student does not meet this standard and is an 8th grader, the student will not graduate from Sts. Peter and Paul School. If a younger student does not meet this standard, he/she will be recommended for retention, unless the teacher and parents feel a social promotion is in the best interest of the child. If retention in a grade is advised, it will be noted on the report card. It is the parents' right to promote a student over the advice of the staff.

~ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENTS ~

Students taking part in extracurricular activities at Sts. Peter & Paul School or Grangeville Elementary School must maintain a C average & have no F's in any subject. An ineligible student may, through makeup work or redo's (as already defined in each classroom policy) become eligible as soon as his/her grades meet the C average/no F's requirement, except for the end of a grading period the student will be ineligible at least until 2 weeks of grades for the new grading period are posted. Eligibility checks will be made and notification given every Friday if a student is ineligible. If a student is ineligible, the teacher will notify the principal first, then the parents & the coach. Eligibility may also be made through the Principal's discretion for extraordinary circumstances.

~ SPORTS PHYSICALS ~

Sports physicals are required for all 7th graders and all 8th graders who have not had one in 7th grade and want to participate in any sports activities at SPPS or GEMS. The physical forms are required to be in the school office before the student can participate in practice.

~FIELD TRIPS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES~

Volunteer/Staff driving to field trips or sports activities **must have the Safe Environment Training and complete the “Be Smart Drive Safe” module at www.cmgconnect.org**

Students will use a seat belt at all times, and only one child per seat belt is allowed.

Home-school students may participate in SPPS after school sports activities with permission from the SPPS principal and the coach and a \$25.00 sports fee.

Under the conditions of dual enrollment, students from SPPS will be allowed to participate in athletics offered by District #244, provided that the same activity is not being offered by SPPS. When SPPS has enough participants to field a team the school will have a team.

~ UNIFORM POLICY ~

Amended April 2020

Sts. Peter & Paul School has a uniform policy. The purpose of the uniform policy is to promote modesty, responsibility, morality and unity. The uniform policy is:

BOYS: PANTS: Navy blue or khaki long slacks. No jeans, sweatpants, or cargo pants. Pants that are form fitting or skin tight are not allowed.

BELTS: Black, brown or navy blue worn in belt loops.

SHORTS: Navy blue or khaki shorts may be worn in August/September and May/June **except on Mass days**. Hem no more than 2 inches above the knee.

SHIRTS: Navy blue or white polos with collars or Navy blue or white turtlenecks.
Long sleeved or short sleeved.

Must be plain colored or have the SPPS logo. If a brand logo is visible, no more than 1" in size.

SWEATERS: Navy blue, white or tan.

SWEATSHIRTS: Navy blue or white with Sts. Peter and Paul logo.

SOCKS: Socks are to be worn with shoes. Navy blue, black or white.

SHOES: No flip-flops.

HATS: are not to be worn in the building.

GIRLS:

PANTS: Navy blue or khaki long slacks. No jeans, sweatpants, or cargo pants.
Pants that are form fitting or skin tight are not allowed. See Leggings below.

BELTS: Black, brown or navy blue worn in the belt loops.

SHORTS: Navy blue or khaki shorts may be worn in August/September and May/June **except on Mass days**. Hem no more than 2 inches above the knee.

SHIRTS: Navy blue or white polos with collars or Navy blue or white turtleneck.
Long sleeved or short sleeved.

Must be plain color or have the SPPS logo. If a brand logo is visible, no more than 1" in size

DRESSES/SKIRTS/JUMPERS: Navy blue or khaki with hem no more than 2 inches above the knee.

SOCKS: Socks are to be worn with shoes, navy blue, black or white.

SHOES: No flip-flops

SWEATERS: Navy blue, white or tan.

SWEATSHIRTS: Solid navy blue or navy blue with the SPPS logo is allowed.

LEGGINGS: Solid Navy blue, or white. Leggings may not be worn as pants. A dress/jumper or skirt must be worn with the leggings. Leggings are defined as elastic waist or stretch fabric that are form fitting or skin tight.

HATS: are not to be worn in the building.

- Accessories (of any kind) must not be distracting to the learning environment.
- Only uniform clothing will be worn in the classroom (**No coats or jackets. No non-uniform sweatshirts or sweaters**).
- Clothing must be in good repair.
- Shorts may be worn in Aug. /Sept. and May/June, weather permitting.
- Students should have proper clothing for winter outdoor activities, i.e. boots, hats and gloves.
- Athletic wear, especially designed for gym activities are not permitted to be worn in the classroom. Students participating in team activities may wear their team uniform top (with a collared shirt worn underneath) on event days.
- When students leave the school for field trips, service projects, SPPS team games, etc., they are still representing Sts. Peter & Paul School. The uniform policy is to be followed.
- Shirts must be long enough that the midsection is not visible when hands/arms are raised.
- Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems or pose potential disruption of the educational process as determined by school personnel and governed by SPPS uniform policy. Teachers shall call parents on the first infraction of uniform policy. Parents will bring suitable clothing for the student on request or appropriate clothing will be given from the uniform rack, if available.

UNIFORM POLICY FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

All students in uniform.

Shirts are to be tucked in during Mass.

No shorts, sweatshirts, sandals, or snow boots are to be worn at Mass.

UNIFORM POLICY FOR P.E.

Regular Short Sleeve T-Shirt, and/or sweatshirt – no tank tops

Athletic Shorts or sweatpants – shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee

No form fitting or skin tight pants or shorts such as Spandex, leggings, or yoga pants, unless covered by gym shorts.

Gym Shoes

PE clothes do not have to meet the regular uniform color requirements, but graphics and slogans must be appropriate for a Catholic School.

DRESS POLICY FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS

- Pants must fit loosely
- Leggings may only be worn under shorts/skirt/dress
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no more than 2 inches above the knee with or without leggings
- Clothes must be in good repair – No holes, tears, etc.
- Graphics and slogans must be appropriate for a Catholic School
- No sleeveless shirts
- Shirts must be long enough that the midsection is not visible when hands are raised
- Clothing should be appropriate for the weather conditions

Game Day – Students may wear their Game Jersey Top to school on game days, but must wear their uniform shirt under the Jersey. They will wear their regular uniform to Mass. This policy applies to SPPS 5th – 8th Grade school sport teams, or SPPS students participating in a sanctioned public school event.

Faculty judgment will prevail on questions of appropriate clothing & accessories.

~HOT LUNCH & MILK PROGRAM MEAL CHARGE POLICY~

A healthy, balanced lunch is offered to Sts. Peter and Paul students every school day. Monthly menus are sent home to parents to pre-order. The meals are selected; the orders are made out and returned to school with the funds (a check or cash must be sent with the order). Milk is included with the meal. The cost is **\$4:00** per meal. Milk may be purchased separately for \$.25.

SPPS will give to all parents or guardians, application forms for free and reduced priced meals on registration day, or they may be picked up at the office at any time.

No student will ever be denied lunch. In the event that a student should forget a home lunch, they can go through the hot lunch line and the parent will be charged accordingly.

~SCHOOL DAY~

The school day begins **at 8:00 a.m.** and ends at 3:15 p.m. On Fridays, students are dismissed at 2:15 p.m. Students are supervised from 7:45 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. (2:15 on Fridays.) Students should not be dropped off before 7:45 a.m. and should be picked up promptly at 3:15 p.m. Teachers use the time before and after school as preparation for their classes and cannot suitably supervise students at those times without prior arrangements. The students have a noon lunch/recess period from approximately 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. All teachers remain at the school until at **least 3:40 p.m.**, Monday-Thursday. On Friday, teachers remain at the school until at least 2:40 pm.

Students typically attend Mass every Wednesday and Friday at 11:15 a.m., except the first Friday of each month, Mass is at 8:30 a.m. Each classroom prepares the readings and assists with Friday Masses approximately once a month. Students also attend other services as scheduled.

~USE OF TECHNOLOGY~

On September 23, 1999 the school board of Sts. Peter & Paul School adopted policies of administration and instruction with regards to technology in the curriculum and in particular the use of the Internet in the classrooms. It is to be noted that NO student will be allowed to use the Internet without adult supervision. The use of the Internet and related technologies is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges. Students will only download items related to school activities and will not delete any items from any school computer.

Effective Monday, October 2, 2017. Teachers will collect any student internet or wirelessly connected device (cell phones, tablets, laptops, smartwatch, etc.) in the morning before school begins. These will then be secured until just before the end of the day, when they will be returned. There will be consequences for students who do not turn in any devices before school begins each day. Students may use these devices for academic activities, or for contacting a parent with staff permission.

If a student is caught with a device it will be taken to the office, a parent must pick it up, and the student will receive an automatic detention. Habitual infractions will be directed to the principal.

~ SAFE ENVIRONMENT ~

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise has instituted a stringent program called Safe Environment. Every effort has been made to keep our children in a “safe environment” in all situations and especially in their education atmospheres.

Our Safe Environment Programs require background checks and training for all volunteers who have regular contact with children. Training will be provided for all volunteers. All staff is subject to these strict procedures as well.

~NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS~

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1975 respects the rights of non-custodial parents. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, the school will provide the non-custodial parent with access to the academic records and will send school-related information regarding the child. If there is a court order specifying that there is to be no information given, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school with an official copy of the court order. Divorced or legally separated parents should file a copy of the custody section and any academically related information of the court order with the school.

~Gender Policy~

Saints Peter and Paul School follows the Diocese of Boise’s gender policy titled “*Catechesis and Policy on questions Concerning Gender Theory.*” This document is available upon request of the Principal or on the Diocese of Boise website at the following web address: <https://www.catholicidaho.org/post/a-catholic-response-to-gender-identity-theory>